

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

To the specification at page 14, line 15, after the sequence Gly₄Ser please insert:
(SEQ ID NO:52).

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-48 (Canceled).

Claim 49. (Currently amended) A library of linker nucleic acid molecules or sequences, each of which joins two nucleic acid domains or two nucleic acid sequences encoding two polypeptide domains, each of which has a pattern of degenerate repeated triplet nucleotides with the following properties:

- (i) position 1 of each repeated triplet cannot be the same nucleotide as position 2 of the repeated triplet; or
- (ii) position 2 of each repeated triplet cannot be the same nucleotide as position 3 of the repeated triplet; or
- (iii) position 1 of each repeated triplet cannot be the same nucleotide as position 3 of the repeated triplet; and
- (iv) wherein each of said molecules or sequences that joins said domains does not encode Gly₄Ser (SEQ ID NO:52) or a repeat thereof.

Claim 50. (original) A method for making the library of linker nucleic acid molecules or sequences of claim 49, comprising:

- (a) obtaining two template DNA sequences that comprise the first and the second domains;